

11       input invoice having corresponding items on said  
12       previously received invoices;

13       means, responsive to an input invoice having an item  
14       with a net sum greater than zero, for communicating a  
15       duplicate invoice rejection message back to said  
16       vendor; and

17       means, responsive to an input invoice having no item  
18       with a net sum greater than zero, for posting said  
19       input invoice to said accounts payable database.

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***IN THE ABSTRACT***

Please amend the abstract, as follows. A replacement  
Abstract page is attached hereto.

Page 35, line 6, replace "foe" with --are--.

**REMARKS**



PREPROCESSOR SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REJECTION  
OF DUPLICATE INVOICES

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5 An accounts payable system in which invoices submitted by electronic data interchange (EDI) are audited for duplicate invoices prior to them being entered into the production database, or environment. Pre-processor logic audits, identifies and returns electronically duplicate transmissions. At this pre-processor level, all inbound 10 invoices are sorted in credit/debit sequence. Invoices are posted (committed to the production accounts payable environment; that is, to the accounts payable data base) one at a time so purchase order history is current for each 15 evaluation. Inbound invoices are sorted by credit/debit. Only debits are audited.